(b) Out 15 seizure cases, 11 are pending in the Court of law. The rest 4 are under investigation.

(c) 19 persons have been arrested in connection with the seizures. All are presently on bail.

(d) Shahtoosh is derived from Tibetan Antelope which is included in schedule-I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The power of giving an opportunity to such persons who are in possession of articles made out of wild animals included in schedule-I and Part-II Schedule-II of the Act, to declare such articles vests only with the State Government.

Identified Polluting Industries

4293. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a total of 851 grossly polluting industries have been identified in 15 states/UTs for discharging their effluents into rivers and lakes;

(b) whether 245 of these are defaulters as they failed to instal the requisite treatment facilities; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking against these defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Out of a total of 851 grossly polluting industries identified, 245 were defaulting units as on 30th September, 1999. Subsequently meetings were held with the concerned State Pollution Control Boards for pursuing defaulting units to install the necessary pollution control facilities. The number of defaulting units has come down to 93 as on 31st March 2000. Legal action has been initiated against the defaulting units.

Inadequate Funds for Wild life Conservation in Orissa

4294. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that enough funds are not being allocated for wild life conservation/management in Orissa;

(b) whether Government are considering to assist the state in this regard;

(c) and whether the central funds under wildlife are being spent in a satisfactory manner in Orissa?